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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF GROWING CUBAN AND SOVIET PRESENCE
IN THE CONGO

REF: (A) USNATO 4035; (B) BRAZZAVILLE 381 (NOTAL)
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ESTIMATED FIGURES BY COUNTRY:

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CAPE VERDE	POSSIBLY 10-15 MEDICAL PERSONNEL
CONGO	400-500 (ABOUT 300 MILITARY)
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	100-400 (ABOUT HALF MILITARY)
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GUINEA	ABOUT 300-500 (MOST MILITARY ADVISERS)
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